

*What made you interested in joining the commission?*

Because I have been inspired that the first place to look at change or transformation in our communities is in our own immediate community or municipality.

*Do you have lived experience of being a person with a disability?*

Yes. Have been blind since I was 14 years old.

*What are two major accessibility concerns you have in the city of Somerville?*

Full access for people with disabilities, including but not limited to, visually impaired, hearing impaired, and mobility impaired. Including but not limited to

- providing materials in plain language
- making the City of Somerville website fully accessible
- announcing meeting agendas in a timely fashion, more than one day before meeting
- clear and audible posting of all public meetings, and recordings of such

*What other ways are you engaged in the community? (Somerville, disability)*

On Our Revolution Somerville steering committee; has been on the electoral working group and trying to revive the housing working group. Have been a member of Mass Adapt, which is an affiliate of National Adapt, since 2013. Interested in joining our commission to be more directly engaged in our community to ensure voices of people with disabilities can be expressed in our municipal government. Also attends public city hearings.

*What skills would you like to bring to the group?*

Have been privileged in my education and through family, scholarships, and grants to complete a bachelor's degree, two MA's, and a PhD. Have had two branches of career through teaching and disability education and advocacy. Public speaking. Networking.

*Do you have interest and availability to serve on sub-committees/workgroups as the commission works to become more empowered in the city?*

No, at capacity limit currently, but this commission is important enough to drop other responsibilities if necessary to serve.